

3.0012 A Replacement Name For *Malacorhinus tripunctata* (Jacoby) Galerucinae: Chrysomelidae)

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In the process of working over the species of Chrysomelidae described and enumerated by Martin Jacoby in the *Biologia Centrali-Americana* (1880-1892), I came upon a species of Galerucinae described by Jacoby (1879) in a pre-Biologia work. This species was originally described as *Diabrotica tripunctata* in 1879. In 1887, in the *Biologia*, Jacoby placed this species in the genus *Malacorhinus* where it has remained to the present time. However, in 1801, Fabricius described a species as *Criocerus tripunctata* which was later transferred to *Diabrotica* by Chevrolat (1837). This Fabrician name is now considered as a junior synonym of *D. capitata* (F.), and forms an interesting nomenclatural problem of its own as shown by Lever (1930) and Barber (1947). Thus, when described, *D. tripunctata* Jacoby was a homonym of *D. tripunctata* (F.) and even though it was later transferred to another genus it still remains a homonym and must therefore be replaced. I therefore propose the name *Malacorhinus tilghmani* as the replacement name for *D. tripunctata* Jacoby.

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ABSTRACT—The name *Malacorhinus tilghmani* Mignot is proposed as a replacement name for *Diabrotica tripunctata* Jacoby a homonym of *Diabrotica tripunctata* (F.).

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